School Finance in Utah

A Brief Introduction

Two Major Revenue Sources

Property Tax

Income Tax

Property Tax

Market Value Commercial Property & Second Homes Taxed at 100% of Market Value Primary Residences Taxed at 55% of Market Value Agricultural Property Taxed based on Agricultural Use **Taxable Value** School Districts May Impose up to 13 Tax Levies on Taxable Value in School District

13 School District Tax Levies

Operations Levies

- Basic levy
- Voted leeway
- Board leeway
- K-3 reading

10% of basic levy

 10% of basic levy can be used for both certain operations and capital outlay / certain debt service

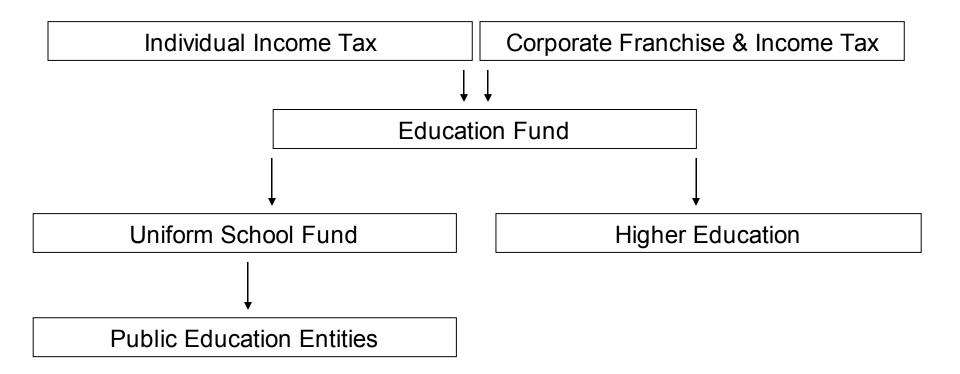
Capital Outlay & Debt Service Levies

- Debt service
- Capital outlay
- Voted capital outlay (not currently used)

Other Levies

- Special transportation
- Recreation
- Judgment
- Tort Liability
- Federal impact aid (not currently used)

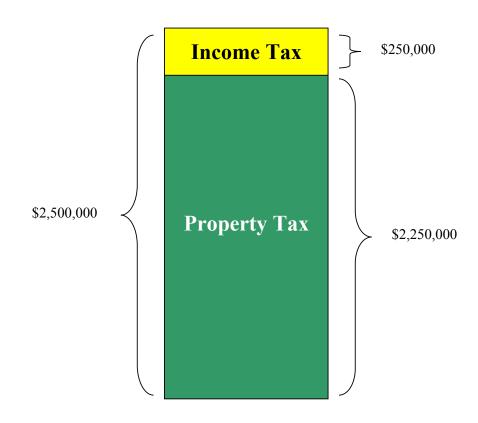
Individual & Corporate Income Tax



How is the Basic Program Equalized?

Hypothetical District

1,000 WPUs x \$2,500 per WPU = \$2,500,000 basic program amount Property tax base = \$1,500,000,000 x basic levy (.001500) = \$2,250,000 property tax revenue \$250,000 Income Tax (Uniform School Fund)



Basic Program – Two Hypothetical School Districts

Value of WPU
WPUs
Basic program statutory entitlement

Net Taxable Value (Property Tax Base)
Basic levy (Tax Rate)
Basic Levy Yield (Property Tax Revenue)

Allocation from Uniform School Fund

District A \$2,500 1,000 \$2,500,000

\$1,500,000,000 0.001500 \$2,250,000

\$250,000

District B \$2,500

1,000 \$2,500,000

\$500,000,000 0.001500 \$750,000

\$1,750,000

Income Tax

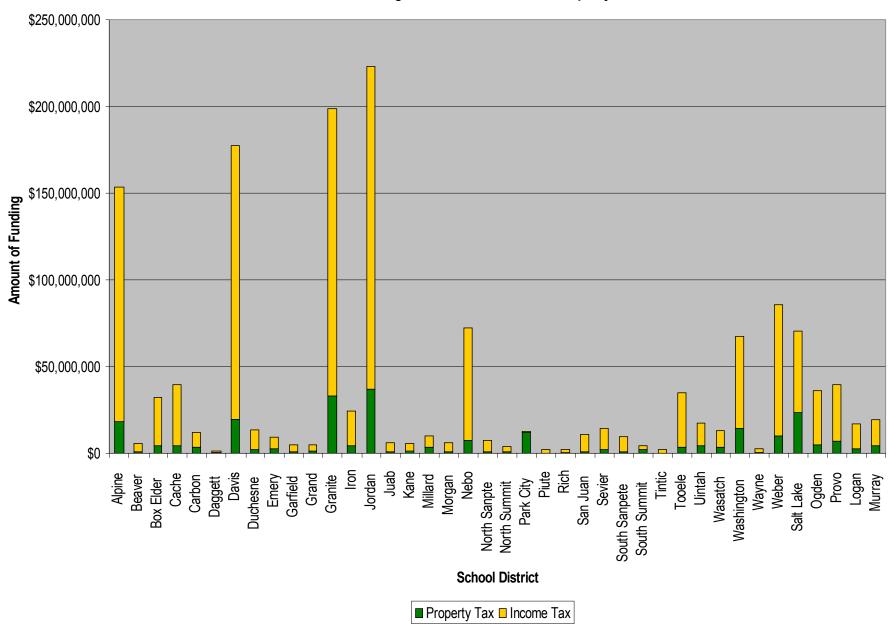
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Basic Program

Amount of Funding from Income Tax and Property Tax



Basic Program
Percent of Funding from Income Tax and Property Tax

